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Foreword

This is the fifth annual survey of Ohio case law.

It is hoped that these surveys are valuable to the lawyers of Ohio in providing a rather painless way of keeping abreast of the current significant decisions of the Ohio courts.

In reporting these decisions, the authors of the various articles make no attempt to present an exhaustive annotation on the points of law involved. To do so would expand the issue beyond practicable bounds.

On the other hand, frequent comments are made about cases reported, and brief background material is often included. Thus, we go beyond a mere recital of what each case holds, and, where necessary, we try to put it into its proper setting.

Naturally, the author is the sole judge of exclusions and inclusions, but as a general policy we do not include cases which are mere repetitions of previous decisions, unless the factual situation is sufficiently different to give the case some significance in the development of the particular doctrine.

For the most part, the authors this year, as in past years, are members of the faculty conversant with the fields in which they write. However, because of undue burden on particular faculty members, the board has called upon some interested and capable alumni to assume the responsibility of writing certain articles.

The cases surveyed are those which were published in the *Northeastern Reporter*, Second Series, between January 1 and December 31, 1956. Cases decided in 1956 but not reported in *Northeastern* during that year, will be considered for publication in next year's survey.

Although the preparation of the survey articles is an interesting job, it is a task of considerable magnitude, and the question naturally arises as to whether the profession finds the survey valuable. It will therefore be appreciated if you will send us your ideas about the matter, together with whatever comments or criticisms you may have.

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